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## CULEBRA CUT IS 78 PER CENT. DONE

Backbone of Mountain Chain Broken—Work to Be Completed by 1913.

Culebra Cut, Canal Zone, Panama, July 25.—According to official figures given at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, there had been excavation from the part of the canal known as the Culebra cut a total of 2,574,500 cubic yards, leaving 1,025,500 yards still to be excavated therefrom or, in other words, the cut is 78 per cent. completed. The amount of excavation has been increasing each year since 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, and 1911, the American occupation as a result of the gradually increasing effectiveness of the working force.

A table published by the Canal Record, the official bulletin, shows that the excavation for the fiscal year 1911, which ended on June 30, totaled up 822,072 cubic yards, whereas in 1910 and 1909 the excavation was 700,000 and 600,000 cubic yards, respectively. This shows that notwithstanding the trouble caused by slides as the work progressed and inconveniences arising in the way of transportation as the depth increased, owing to the continued increasing effectiveness of the force the canal diggers have been able to increase their yardage by each year.

The above excavation is now practically all confined to the Culebra cut, the backbone of the mountain chain, in excavating a distance of nine miles, and the section of this cut around has shown, where the grade is high, a mass of earth and rock which is all rock excavation is just about finished. At Panama, distant from Culebra city twelve miles, is the top of the ridge and at this point about fifty feet remains to be excavated before reaching grade. Of course it is impossible to say what difficulties will be experienced as the result of slides. These now in existence are being taken care of by the engineers and it is said that the workers are experiencing less inconvenience from them so far this rainy season than was anticipated.

**COMBINATION OF SLIDES.**  
The object and one of the most troublesome of the slides, that of Cucaracha, is at present at rest. At the town of Cucaracha, on the west bank of the canal, is a combination of slides involving something like an area of half a mile, and these are being lightened by excavation from the top of the bank. A number of communication buildings, including the postoffice, the station and dwelling houses, were located within the area affected by these slides, and it has become necessary to remove them to a safer locality. The U. S. M. C. A. clubhouse, the Commission Hotel, and the Canal Zone penitentiary are also within the neighborhood of the movement and it seems that they will likewise have to come out in the course of time.

It has now been decided to sow grass seed on the slopes of the cut to arrest erosion. The grass will only be sown on the slides no longer in motion and on the parts of the banks not yet affected by slides.

At that time, so therefore only one more year of solid work, the calendar year of 1912, and the most elaborate piece of work yet undertaken by man will be practically finished.

Approach of the week of the steamer Tanager, belonging to the National Navigation company, a native company doing a passenger business on the Pacific coast of the republic of Panama, it was decided by the Panama government to take steps toward lighting the coast on the Pacific side and to that end the government has requested that an engineer in the employ of the commission on the lighting of the canal be detailed to look into the matter of the lighting of the lights and other aids to navigation. The assistant engineer employed by the commission on canal lighting was detailed for the work and he, in company with an engineer employed by the Panama government, made a four days trip along the coast, the report has just been forwarded to the Panama government. In the recommendation made by the Panama government, it is recommended that lights be established at Cape Mala, Santa Rosa Island, Boca Island and Melones Island.

The first point, Cape Mala, is a dangerous point lying at the eastern extremity of the peninsula, and as it is an important point for all shipping entering the harbor it is recommended that a 50 foot tower be erected there with a light capable of being seen a distance of sixteen miles at sea. This station will require a lightkeeper and one assistant and its estimated cost is \$50,700. Flashlights are recommended for the points named. The total estimated cost for all other lights, including expenses of construction, the lighting of the station, the maintenance of the station, and other matters that would be included in the cost of the station, is \$1,000,000. It is an important factor in the question of safe navigation to the canal approaches. The work of the steamer Tanager about a month ago simply impressed the authorities with the necessity for lights and thus hastened forward the work.

## CIDER BY DIPPERFUL

Apple Juice, It is Claimed, Helped Hayling in Wallingford.

Rutland, July 25.—When Deputy Leonard and Constable Hopkins entered the house of Rodney Hutton, a farmer who lives about a mile and a half south of Wallingford village, they found two gallons of cider, another half gallon of cider, and a number of bottles containing the same kind of "lightning." Hutton, it is said, made the cider and sold it by the bottle, dipperful and otherwise. In buying time, it is claimed, he did a thriving business.

Today before Justice Hopkins Hutton pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquor without a license and paid a fine of \$50 and costs of \$25.

**ADDITION COUNTY FAIR.**  
Middlebury, July 25.—Frank C. Dyer, secretary of the Addison county fair, has opened an office in the county court house at Middlebury for the 67th annual fair to be held in Middlebury August 25, 30, 31 and September 1. It is hoped to give an exhibition of cattle much larger than heretofore. The program will fill each day with attractive features. On Friday afternoon on conservation and agricultural development are planned, when it is hoped that the Hon. David J. Foster, the Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture and Clifford Vincent will speak.

The \$100 free-for-all race will occur on this day. The entries include several fast horses.

He—You know Maude is going abroad to study music?  
She—Who is going to pay for it?  
He—Her father can't.

He—I don't know. The next-door neighbors, probably.—London Opinion.

## GOT HIS START AT CHICAGO FIRE

Harlow N. Higinbotham Got Busy and Saved \$600,000 Worth of Stuff.

New York, July 27.—Harlow N. Higinbotham, who was president of the Chicago world's fair of 1893, and who came from a European trip, on the Olympic the other day, confessed to saving the little masters and misses of from 1 to 7 years with whom he spent most of his time. So full is Mr. Higinbotham of the joy of living that if you get him talking he is apt to let out a whole lot of things in a while just from sheer exuberance of spirits. He attributes his excellent health and his cheerful spirits to a long course of the simple life.

"I have been associated in my time with three of the biggest firms in Chicago," said Mr. Higinbotham. "I was slightly and apparently frailer than anybody else in those firms, and I did the hardest work, and yet all the rest of them are dead. I feel as hearty as I ever did. I have walked three times at intervals of twenty-four hours, across the mountains of Virginia. The first time I ever really put on steam was during the war down there, when riding about on horseback I galloped through thirty and forty pounds. Before that they thought I would die of consumption."

## WENT TO THE FRONT

"When the war broke out I was working for the late Marshall Field as a clerk in the shoe department. I was the only man in the shop who really knew all the details of the business and Mr. Field didn't like it when I told him I had decided to go to the front. I spent four years in the war and when I went back to Chicago I went back to my old job. It was not until the Chicago fire in 1887 that I was made a member of the firm."

"We had had the fire on the west side on Sunday and when I went to bed that night I was awfully all out. I was awakened by the ringing of bells and got up and dressed. I went over to the river and stood on a bridge, where I could gauge the direction the fire was taking. It was plainly directly toward our warehouse."

"I hurried to our stables and got out all our teams and all the men I could find and started for the warehouse. On the way I saw the flames sweep across the river, and at the time we got near our warehouse we found it was on fire."

"Then I began to fear for our store, which was in the path of the fire, and I turned the teams in its direction. We began taking out the most valuable of the goods—the kind that would be of most use, our silks and furs and what ever there was most money invested in."

"When all the wagons were filled I started street cars and loaded them and ran the goods, some down to Levi Z. Leiter's residence, some to an old church and some to an old car barn. In this way I got \$600,000 worth of goods out of the store. For a long time we kept the fire away from the store by the use of wet blankets. Indeed we could have saved a lot more of goods, but the fire forced us. It passed us by and ran along uptown for a mile and I gave the order to cease the work of salvage because the store was now out of danger. But when the fire reached the water works and destroyed them it backed slowly in our direction again. There was no water to keep the flames wet and I saw the store burn."

## BOY CONFESSES BRUTAL MURDER

Cigarette Fiend, Penniless and Out of Work, Chloroformed New York Broker.

New York, July 25.—Paul Geidel, a seventeen-year-old boy, slight of stature, with a sharp, pointed nose and with the smooth, yellow complexion of a child, confessed today to the murder of William Henry Jackson, the aged Wall Street broker, who was found brutally killed in his hotel apartments on 14th street yesterday.

An hour after the arrest Police Commissioner (boroughs and District Attorney Whitman) brought out from the room where they had been closed with Geidel a large representation confession written by him and the boy had dictated and signed, giving a full account of the crime. Robbery was the motive, according to the boy's statement, but the murder ended him only 20 in cash and a 14 watch which he pawned for \$15 more.

Geidel was a bell boy at Mr. Jackson's hotel, the Empress, until last Friday, when he was discharged. He was without money for some time and a full account of the crime. Robbery was the motive, according to the boy's statement, but the murder ended him only 20 in cash and a 14 watch which he pawned for \$15 more.

The confession, as given out by the police, continues substantially as follows:

"Late Wednesday night I entered the basement of the hotel and walked undisturbed by the four stairways to the fifth floor. I climbed into the bathroom of Mr. Jackson's apartment through a transom on the corridor."

"I awoke as I was preparing to drop the chloroform sack over the boy's face and instead of going unconscious at once with the drug, he began a desperate fight. I hit him hard in the face and he sank down helpless. Then the chloroform did the rest."

## BIG TROTTER EVENTS.

Over One Hundred Horses Already Entered for State Fair Races.

White River Junction, July 25.—Secretary Davis reports that never in the history of the State fair have so many entries been made in the several trotting events and everything indicates spirited racing.

There are 21 entries for the 230 pace stake, which carries a purse of \$500. The 235 pace stake, \$500 purse, has 16 entries; the 220 trot stake, \$500 purse, 14 entries; the 217 pace stake, \$500 purse, 15 entries; and the 225 pace stake, \$500 purse, 11 entries.

The free-for-all race has seven entries of famous trotters. The purse is \$1000. Secretary Davis says, "only the weather or now to make the greatest fair ever held in the State."

## MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

Respondent Held for September Term of Franklin County Court.

Montgomery Center, July 25.—Philip Messier was given a hearing today before City Judge N. N. Post of St. Albans, on the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Kermit, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Murray. State's Attorney George M. Hogan appears for the State and the respondent is represented by P. H. Coleman of Montgomery.

The hearing was held in C. A. Gardner's hall. Messier was bound over for appearance at the September term of Franklin county court in the sum of \$1000 bail. Peter Lumbert has been offered as bondsman and it is probable that his bond will be accepted.

It will be remembered that the Murray boy died early Sunday morning as the result of injuries suffered when Messier angrily pushed him and the boy fell striking his head against a sink, a slight fracture of the skull resulting.

Messier, who is about 25 years old, has no relatives here. He boards with the family of Levi Lumbert, who lives a short distance from the Murray home.

## HELD FOR COUNTY COURT.

"Meddle" Mann, Who Attempted a Hold-Up, Must Wait in Jail.

Rutland, July 25.—"Meddle" Mann, who was arrested here yesterday after an attempt to hold up Percy Spafford of Rutland on the railroad track here, demanding money, pleaded not guilty to the charge of robbery before Judge P. G. Swinerton in city court this morning and was committed to the Rutland City Jail for county court in the sum of \$500 bail and he went to jail in default of funds. There is no prospect of his getting out before the grand jury meets September 12.

Mann is 35 years old and although he comes of respectable parents, his mother and father living in West Rutland, he has spent most of the time in jail since he reached majority.

## ADOLPH IS A WHOPPER.

Cute Child, Two Years Old, Nearly Big as Papa.

Atlanta, Ga., July 25.—James Adolph, 2 years and 4 months, weighs one hundred pounds, created a sensation on the streets of Atlanta yesterday as he walked beside his father from a railroad station to a hotel. The giant baby lives at Mount Airy, Ga. His mother is of medium size, while his father weighs 300 pounds. Baby Adolph stands three feet three inches in his socks and weighs a chest that measures 35 inches.

Partners in the vicinity of Swanton County say that they do not expect to harvest a crop of potatoes sufficient for their own home use. Potato bugs have never been more voracious than this year and persistent spraying for their destruction and repeated cultivation to offset the effects of the lack of moisture have been the price of any kind of a yield of potatoes.

Brockton, Mass., July 25.—Fire in the business section of this city early today started the Struckoff three-story brick factory badly damaged the Holbrook factory brick building and destroyed a two and a half story wooden building house, at a total loss of \$200,000.

## BOTH LEGS CUT OFF ABOVE ANKLES

Patsey Pedro Badly Injured by Trolley Car—Student's Timely Aid Saved Life.

Rutland, July 25.—Patsey Pedro, whose home and relatives are not known to the local police, was terribly injured last night when both his legs were cut off just above the ankles. The man was lying on the tracks of the Rutland Railway Light & Power company, near what is known as Evergreen switch. The electric car was in charge of Walter Young, motorman, and was running speedily west when the accident happened. There were no passengers. Young said that as he approached the switch he met a team, the horse shying at the bright light and acting under orders he turned out the light. Just as he stood over to reset the current he saw the man lying on the tracks and he appeared to be trying to crawl out from under the car. The trolley had already passed over him and before he could sluff off the power the front trucks passed over his legs, cutting off both feet. The man was rushed to the Rutland City hospital, where tonight he was still alive. Horace S. Cragin of Brooklyn, a medical student at Harvard University, who is visiting in Rutland, was on the car directly following the special and he rendered aid which probably saved the man from bleeding to death. The accident occurred three miles from this city.

## FEELINGS ARE WOUNDED.

Mann Writes Mr. Taft That He Will Withdraw Individual Support.

Washington, July 25.—Notice has been served on President Taft by a man in the middlewest, whose name was not divulged, that he had lost the support and vote of at least one citizen. The man recently was refused a postoffice appointment. He wrote to the President as follows:

"I am seriously wounded in my feelings and unless I get restitution and satisfaction in some way from you I now feel that I will withdraw my individual support and influence as far as it goes, from you and give it to Senator Lee. I believe you are representing the other faction of the party today. I will certainly do all I can to carry the vote for him in the next National Republican convention. I do not wish to be vindictive, but certainly I feel that I am cut upon."

## HONOR GEN. CASTLEMAN.

Veteran of Two Wars Will Be Subject of Equestrian Statue.

Louisville, Ky., July 25.—General John B. Castleman, veteran of the Confederacy and of the Spanish-American war, if he lives 35 months, probably will be the first Kentuckian who ever saw an equestrian statue of himself erected. Of the estimated cost, \$1500, a fund of \$500 has already been subscribed. Several sculptors submitted models and it was announced last night by the committee that R. Hinton Perry of New York had been selected to execute the work. The statue, which is destined to honor General Castleman for his service as park commissioner of Louisville, is expected to be completed by October.